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Applicants : Ann Marie Schmidt and David Stern
Serial No. : 09/166,649 Group Art Unit: 1646
Filed : October 5, 1998 Examiner: E. O'Hara
For : METHOD FOR DETERMINING WHETHER A COMPOUND IS
CAPABLE OF INHIBITING THE INTERACTION OF A
PEPTIDE WITH RAGE

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Sir:

**COMMUNICATION REQUESTING
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Applicants filed a Communication in Reply to November 17, 1999 Office Action, Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and Petition for a Four-Month Extension of Time on April 10, 2000 in connection with the above-identified application. Upon reviewing their files pursuant to receipt of a Notice of Allowance issued October 31, 2003 for the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney noticed that the Examiner did not initial or return Form PTO-1449 submitted with applicants' April 10, 2000 Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. Applicants attach as **Exhibit A** a copy of the Communication in Reply to November 17, 1999 Office Action, Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and Petition for a Four-Month Extension of Time to which Form PTO-1449 was attached as **Exhibit E**.

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On December 8, 2003, Ms. Amy Hamilton, a legal assistant in the undersigned attorney's office, telephoned Examiner Eileen O'Hara of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, the Examiner assigned to the subject application, to request an initialed Form PTO-1449 acknowledging consideration of applicants' April 10, 2000 Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. In a December 9, 2003 telephone conference between Examiner O'Hara and Ms. Hamilton, Examiner O'Hara stated that she had no record of the Form PTO-1449 or references submitted with applicants' April 10, 2000 Communication, which included a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. Examiner O'Hara advised Ms. Hamilton that applicants should re-file the subject application along with the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement in order to get the April 10, 2000 Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement considered.

Applicants note that a return postcard for applicants' Communication in Reply to November 17, 1999 Office Action, Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and Petition for a Four-Month Extension of Time listing Exhibits A-E and 1-3 was stamped April 13, 2000 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and returned to applicants' undersigned attorney's office. A copy of the stamped return postcard is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.

For completeness of the record, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner initial the attached Form PTO-1449 for the April 10, 2000 Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, and return a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449 to applicants' undersigned attorney for applicants' files at her earliest convenience and prior to the February 2, 2004 deadline for payment of the issue fee for the subject application.

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If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Communication. However, if any fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,



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